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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mayle, *et. al* Examiner:  
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Title: SYSTEM FOR CREATING MESSAGES INCLUDING IMAGE INFORMATION

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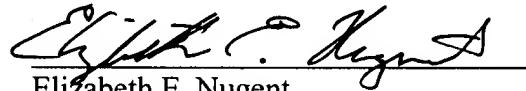
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 1-7, and amend the title to be --SYSTEM FOR CREATING MESSAGES INCLUDING IMAGE INFORMATION--.

No new matter is entered by any of these amendments.

Please charge any fees associated with this filing, or apply any credits, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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